

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF NURSING  
SUMMARY OF MAJOR ACTIONS**

**Board Meeting  
June 19 and 20, 2003**

**OPT-OUT PROVISION FOR NURSE ANESTHETISTS**

Directed that a letter be sent to the Governor's office objecting to the Governor's decision to wait for further direction from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services before considering the Kentucky Board of Nursing's request for the Commonwealth to "Opt-Out" of the Medicare requirement for physician supervision of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists.

**2004 KENTUCKY BOARD OF NURSING MEETING DATES**

Directed the Annual Retreat to be held on November 6 and 7, 2003 as the Kentucky Nurses Association Convention is to be held on November 12-14, 2003.

Approved the proposed 2004 Board meeting dates.

**HEARING FEES**

Directed that hearing fees be assessed on default orders.

**LOST OF STOLEN LICENSES**

Directed that nurses with lost or stolen licenses should strongly be advised to replace said license. If the license is lost in a renewal year after June 1<sup>st</sup>, the nurse will not have to purchase a duplicate card. He/she will be able to renew as early as July 1<sup>st</sup>, and will not have to pay the fee for a duplicate card.

Directed that a list of names of nurses with lost or stolen licenses be placed on the website and employers requesting verification of licenses be so informed.

**NURSING EDUCATION**

Approved the Program of Practical Nursing, Jefferson Technical College, Louisville, proposal to establish a collaborative Program of Practical Nursing at the secondary education level with the Jefferson County Public School System.

Approved the recommendations as stated in the April 14 and 15, 2003 Survey Visit Report of the Program of Practical Nursing, Cumberland Valley Technical College, Pineville.

Continued the conditional approval status of the Program of Practical Nursing, Cumberland Valley Technical College, Pineville.

Directed that a report addressing the considerations given to the recommendations in the April 14 and 15, 2003 Survey Visit Report of the Program of Practical Nursing, Cumberland Valley Technical College, Pineville, be submitted to the Board by September 1, 2003.

**NURSING EDUCATION (Cont'd)**

Approved the recommendations and requirements to be met as stated in the April 10 and 11, 2003 Survey Visit Report of the Program of Practical Nursing, Hopkinsville Community College, Hopkinsville.

Granted full approval status to the Program of Practical Nursing, Hopkinsville Community College, Hopkinsville.

Directed that a plan of action for the requirements to be met and the considerations given to the recommendations in the April 10 and 11, 2003 Survey Visit Report of the Program of Practical Nursing, Hopkinsville Community College, Hopkinsville, be submitted to the Board by September 1, 2003.

Approved the recommendations and requirements to be met as stated in the April 22 and 23, 2003 Survey Visit Report of the Program of Practical Nursing, Mayo Technical College, Paintsville.

Granted conditional approval status to the Program of Practical Nursing, Mayo Technical College, Paintsville.

Directed that a plan of action for the requirements to be met and the considerations given to the recommendations in the April 22 and 23, 2003 Survey Visit Report of the Program of Practical Nursing, Mayo Technical College, Paintsville, be submitted to the Board by September 1, 2003.

Directed that the Program of Nursing Administrator and/or the Nursing Education and Administration Consultant, Mayo Technical College, Paintsville, submit a detailed report on the progress of the Program at the end of each semester for academic year 2003-2004.

Directed the Board Counsel to develop a letter of response on the concerns about the use of tests as submitted by Nursing Education of America.

Directed that the continuing education exclusions on continuing education providers noted in Board publications be deleted and the current individual review process be continued.

Directed 201 KAR 20:215 be amended to include functioning as a preceptor for at least one (1) nursing student and/or new nursing employee undergoing orientation; such preceptorship must encompass a minimum of 120 hours in a one-on-one relationship.

Approved the proposed revision to 201 KAR 20:070, Licensure by examination.

Approved the proposed revision to 201 KAR 20:095, Inactive nurse licensure status.

Approved the proposed revision to 201 KAR 20:110, Licensure by endorsement.

Approved the proposed revision to 201 KAR 20:225, Reinstatement of license.

Approved the proposed 201 KAR 20:480, Licensure of graduates of foreign nursing schools.

**NURSING EDUCATION (Cont'd)**

Approved the amendment to 201 KAR 20:260, Section 4, Faculty supervision of student clinical practice, to specify a maximum ratio of students to nurse faculty member for clinical instruction in the clinical area be eight (8) to one (1) and that this revision become effective July 1, 2004.

Approved the amendment to 201 KAR 20:310, Section 4, Faculty supervision of student clinical practice, to specify a maximum ratio of students to nurse faculty member for clinical instruction in the clinical area be eight (8) to one (1) and that this revision become effective July 1, 2004.

Directed that the Nursing Education Consultant respond to the May 8, 2003 correspondence from Judy Coffman, RN. Such correspondence to include a copy of the Kentucky Nursing Education Mobility Task Force report and reference that there are multiple educational options available for a licensed practical nurse (LPN) wishing to continue professional growth and obtain a registered nurse education as documented within the referenced Mobility Task Force Report. Such correspondence to also state that the Board has a task force that is currently reviewing the LPN scope of practice.

**NURSING PRACTICE**

Approved the letter of response to the opinion request of March 31, 2003, from Sharon Merritt, Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, on delegation of oxygen saturation measurement and documentation to unlicensed assistive personnel by nurses.

Approved the revisions to AOS #87-93-30, School Nursing Practice; and AOS 95-32, Intravenous Administration of Medications for Conscious Sedation by Nurses.

Approved the letter of response to the opinion request of May 1, 2003, from Elaine Kersting, RN, Hospice Institute, Louisville, on the role of the nurse in delegating to unlicensed assistive personnel nursing care pertaining to the administration of a "Fleet" (FLEET BISACODYL OR FLEET PHOSPHO-SODA) enema.

Directed that the Practice and Education Committees meet jointly to discuss the education preparation of nurses on patient safety initiatives.

Directed that the Board members be provided with an educational opportunity addressing the federal, state, and agency disaster plans which effect the delivery of services during disaster situations.

Approved the revision to AOS #03-24, Patient Abandonment, to remove the sentence, "It is understood that when a nurse arrives at a facility at a time previously scheduled to work, he/she has the intent to care for a group of patients."

**NURSING CREDENTIALS REVIEW**

Approved the revisions to the scope, functions, and membership of the Credentials Review Panel.

**GOVERNANCE**

Adopted the revisions to the Executive Director position.

Approved the Kentucky Board of Nursing Delegation of Authority Letter as amended.

Approved the amendments to Kentucky Board of Nursing Guidelines AG-3, General Guidelines for Board Standing Committees; AG-6, Guidelines for Service Recognition; AG-10, Guidelines for Requesting Educational Achievement Increases; and AG-11, Board Officer/Standing Committee/Council Chairpersons Election/Appointment, Duties and Orientation.

Approved the schedule for holding administrative hearings on disciplinary complaints.

**NURSING INCENTIVE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Directed that the Kentucky Board of Nursing award new scholarships for fiscal year 2003-2004 in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

**DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

Approved six (6) Proposed Decisions, and received reports on the approval of twenty (20) Agreed Orders, eight (8) Consent Decrees, and the removal of one (1) license from probation.

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